GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF PRIMITIVE TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the primitive tribes in some parts of the country are on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government for their protection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) to (b): Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any formal report from any State Government/Union Territory informing that Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) are on the verge of extinction.

(c) : The Ministry has been implementing a 100% Central Sector Scheme viz. `Development of Primitive Tribal Groups` since 1998-99 for over all development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs).It is a very flexible scheme.Any activity/work,which is connected with the survival,protection and development of PTGs,can be taken up under the scheme.The activities/works may include provisions for housing,land distribution,land development,agricultural development,cattle development,income generation programmes,health-care,infrastructure development,social security,etc.During 10th Five Year Plan,an amount of Rs. 105.03 crores has been released on the basis of annual activities proposed by various States/UT.This includes Rs.20.48 crores released for insurance coverage of 4.09 lakhs heads of PTG families under Janashree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India.Further,from the 11th Five Year Plan,the Ministry has started funding long-term Conservation-cum-Development (CCD) Plan for the entire Plan period,aiming at hamlet/habitat development of PTGsr prepared by each State/UT on the basis of need assessed through baseline surveys or other surveys conducted by them. Rs.57.46 crores & Rs.97.99 crores have been released to States/UT and NGOs during 2007-08 & 2008-09 (as on 22.10.2008),respectively under these CCD Plans.